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1. BECAUSE WE UNDERSTOOD SECRETARY- GENERAL AND OIL COMMITTEE/ HIGH LEVEL GROUP CHAIRMAN WANSINK FELT IT NECESSARY MAKE FINAL DECISION TODAY AS TO WHETHER OIL COMMITTEE AND HLG MEETINGS WOULD BE POTPONED, AND IN ACCORDANCE REFTELCONS, WE TOOK EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE TO SECGEN OUR REQUEST THAT MEETINGS BE POSTPONED TO JUNE 12-14. WE EMPHASIZED CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WASHINGTON HAD GIVEN TO SECGEN' S VIEWS (REF B). WE SAID THAT US, LIKE OTHER COUNTRIES, FELT MORE TIME NECESSARY TO PREPARE FOR MEETINGS AND DELAY WOULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANTLY MORE USEFUL DISCUSSIONS.

2. SECGEN RECOGNIZED THERE CONSIDERABLE FEELING IN FAVOR OF POSTPONEMENT AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES. HE HAD SHORTLY BEFORE HEARD FROM UK AMBASSADOR HMG' S REASONS FOR WISHING POSTPONEMENT. KEY ELEMENT IN BRITISH THINKING IS WISH TO AVOID DISCUSSION IN DEPTH AT MINISTERIAL WHICH BRITISH FEEL COULD NOT BE ADEQUATELY PREPARED REGARDLESS OF DATES OF OIL COMMITTEE MEETING BUT WHICH MIGHT BE STIMULATED IF OIL COMMITTEE MEETS BEFORE MINISTERIAL. BRITISH ALSO REFERRED TO UTILITY OF HOLDING MEETING AFTER EC MAY 22 COUNCIL DISCUSSION REVERSING VIEW EXPRESSED PARA 3 REF C, AND TO NEED FOR MORE TIME TO PREPARE.

3. SECGEN " TOOK NOTE" OF OUR FURTHER REQUEST, COMMENTING THAT HE NOW UNDERSTOOD MORE FULLY REASONS
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US AND SEVERAL OTHERS WISHED POSTPONEMENT. HE SAID POSTPONEMENT, WHICH HE SEEMED IMPLICITLY TO ACCEPT, MAKES IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE US VIEWS IN MORE DETAIL AS TO SHAPE OF ENERGY DISCUSSION AT MINISTERIAL. WE SAID WE EXPECTED GUIDANCE SHORTLY ON THIS POINT.

4. SECGEN ASSUMED US EMBASSY THE HAGUE WOULD AGAIN BE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH WANSINK. WE SAID EMBASSY

HAD BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH WANSINK,
BUT THAT WE WOULD PASS ON HIS SUGGESTION.

5. WE UNDERSTAND JAPANESE WOULD PREFER DATES OTHER
THAN JUNE 12-14, BUT WOULD WANT POSTPONEMENT EVEN IF
THOSE ONLY FEASIBLE DATES. SEC GEN DID NOT SUGGEST ALTERNATE
DATES.
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